

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 9008**

October 26, 2021

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires county health directors to be appointed by the county mayor in concurrence with the Commissioner of the Department of Health (DOH), rather than appointed by the Commissioner of DOH in concurrence with the county mayor. Requires the Commissioner to concur or not concur with the county mayor's appointee within ten days of the appointment.

Nullifies each private act that establishes a county health department or county board of health. Effective July 1, 2022, establishes that each county health department, including the six urban health departments of Davidson, Knox, Shelby, Hamilton, Sullivan, and Madison Counties, will be governed by the State. Establishes that such county health departments will control the manner in which they are funded and staffed, and will maintain the manner in which they submit proposed budgets for funding, staffing, facilities, and resources.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Redelegating the local government authority to the state could result in local governments ceasing to fund their county health department. If any local government ceased to fund such entity, there would be an increase in state expenditures and a correlating decrease in local expenditures for continued operation of each health department. Due to multiple unknown factors, a precise fiscal impact cannot be determined.**

Assumptions:

- The transfer of duties to appoint county health directors will not significantly impact the policies or procedures of the DOH or local governments.
- Redelegating authority over a county health department from the local government to the state government could result in a loss of funding from the local government to each health entity.
- The proposed legislation states that the urban health departments will control the manner in which they are funded and staffed. If any local government ceased to fund such health entities, there would be an increase in state expenditures and a correlating decrease in local expenditures for continued, if limited, operations of each health entity.
- Due to multiple unknown factors, such as which local government, if any, would cease to fund their county health entity upon relinquishing authority, a precise fiscal impact cannot be reasonably determined.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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